

Hey guys, it's Brandon Lewis here with a fireside chat so that you and I can comfortably and snugly get through the TenCon Big 7, which are the seven biggest news stories that you'll never hear from your corporately funded Democrat mainstream media in Tennessee, which consists of almost every other publication except for ours.

We have got headlines. Tennessee Gun Reform Group, supported by some Republicans, Republicans, questioned by others. Shelby County Legislator warns answers from rogue official who released accused murderer without bond and we're gonna go to Biden's open border policies leading to increased Tennessee crime.

Can you believe it? I'm sure that our GOP establishment is working hard to prevent this. Tennessee state officials sued over unduly burdened some candidate requirements. Tennessee Democrats pushed back on educational policy research that finds no connection,

none at all, between increased public school spending and school performance. We're going to dig into Metro, Nashville's board votes to shut down one of its highest performing elementary schools.

I wonder why Chattanooga Trucking Company fined \$700,000 for actually checking green. cards. Can you believe it? And much more,

Brandon Lewis here with your TenCon Big 7. I hope you are having a fantastic build-up to the holiday season where we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is not the holiday season.

We all know that this is Christmas and it is in the air. Let's get right into the stories, but first do go to Tennessee conservativenews.com. Hit that subscribe button. Get our daily e-newsletter that Jason Vaughn puts out there so that you can stay more informed than any other conservative in the state of Tennessee on what's actually going on in our state government.

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Alright guys, first story, can you believe it? Tennessee gun reform group supported by some Republicans, questioned by others. A legislative action group known as Voices for a safer Tennessee cropped up in the wake of the Covenant Skull Shooting in Nashville earlier this year.

At this point Voices for Safer Tennessee has garnered support from over 20,000 people across the state. Amy Grant, Vince Gill and former U.S. Senator Bill Frist are some of the names listed.

The organization claims to advocate for three main things, temporary transfer laws, secure storage and vehicles. inconsistent background checks. The group was quite active during Tennessee's extraordinary legislative session on public safety back in August showing up at the Capitol and conducting gatherings in Nashville communities.

The organization has remained active since the state special session visiting areas like Chattanooga to quote "promote gun safety." Even though the group claims to promote nonpartisan efforts to make Tennessee safer,

safer through gun safety legislation, some feel this group is simply a way to get conservative voters on board with gun control, which is what I think. Mark Alexander locks the group to a Trojan horse,

quote, "Gun reform is a leftist euphemism for gun control," which is and always has been a euphemism for gun confiscation.

And that is our friend. at the Patriot Post. Alexander brings up an important question. Would any of the gun reform laws proposed by voices for a safer Tennessee actually have prevented the tragic events at Covenant School?

The answer's no. In most cases where innocent people are murdered, the Covenant School shooting did not occur because laws were not being followed.

They occurred. occurred because of the hatred in the heart of a trans activist who is racist against white folks and who is a bigot as it relates to people with Christian faith. And we know this, although your mainstream media in Tennessee told you for months that that shooter had no motivation whatsoever but the leaked documents and transcripts do what? As so often as the case proves otherwise,

let's go. on to the next story. Shelby County Legislator wants answers from rogue official who released an accused murderer without bond. Imagine that happening in the buttoned up safe clean city of Memphis.

Let's get into it. State Senator Brent Taylor is looking for answers from a Shelby County judge who allowed a 18-year-old who was charged with first degree murder to be released from jail without bond.

Now I'm sure this individual is like the salt of the earth probably has never gotten any trouble, means no one any harm. So we got to let the little children go. Well not even a child,

this is an 18 year old adult male. Taylor has asked the administrative director for the Tennessee administrative office of the court to investigate the judicial decisions and practices of Judge Bill Anderson,

Jr. specifically. Taylor. Taylor wants to know Anderson's reason for releasing an 18-year-old without bond on November 27th. The 18-year-old is facing a first-degree murder charge in addition to charges and other crimes for the fatal shooting of a teen during a robbery.

Rob people, blind and murder them. Let's let those people go. I'm telling you, this is what's going on in all the the Democrat cities and our Republicans in the legislature and our governor,

all big, you know, fans of criminal justice reform don't seem to be doing much about it as crime skyrockets and our metropolitan areas. Taylor referred to what's released as disturbing and stated that Anderson's decision placed those Taylor represents in risk of further danger.

Taylor also accused Anderson Anderson of corrupting other judges, bail decisions, proven, he says, by the quote, "continued setting of low bail amounts." You know what's expensive in life?

Human life. Very expensive, very valuable, very rare. When someone takes a life, when someone robbed someone, assault someone, the bail should be exorbitantly high.

If we do not penalize bad behavior in our culture, but rather reward it, you get more of it. Taylor says, quote, our criminal justice system under a district attorney and Judge Anderson chose to coddle criminals under so-called restorative justice, which is just another way of normalizing crime. That's what restorative justice is. Let's normalize crime so that law by tax-paying citizens who do what's right for their fellow man get screwed while the criminals get to repeat the behavior again and again.

I've tried to understand it from Judge Anderson's point of view, but quite frankly, I can't get my head that far up my ass. Good for you.

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Let's get engaged. Next story, Biden's open border policies lead to increased Tennessee crime. Police in Brentwood have spent more than a year battling a string of home burglars committed at the hands of a criminal group from South America.

According to the assistant police, chief Jim Colvin, the individuals are quote part of a group that comes to this country specifically to commit crimes in areas where there are large homes. No.

No. No, people who have a habit of making their first act in a country to break the laws, surely wouldn't come here to break more laws, would they? Or would they? they? Colvin said, quote, "They're very coordinated. They rotate in and out of the country and they change locations so they're not here very long." In August of 2022, Portland police also reported activity from the group.

Last week, Brentwood police released a statement announcing the group had returned and was targeting homes in more affluent neighborhoods. This is what happens when your state lawmakers are soft on illegal immigration or in the case of GOP leadership, actually add to that. advocate for more of it. Like William Lambert, who wants to make sure that illegal aliens are police officers, non-citizens, right? This is somebody in the tippy top of leadership in the state of Tennessee, people like Dale Carr, who want to see in the state of Tennessee a Republican the e-verify and illegal immigration standards to be weakened,

You could do that in an hour, probably walking in neighborhood. But you got to get 44,000 if you're trying to run as a candidate outside with some other affiliation or party.

Oftentimes the third part of your minor affiliate candidates will appear on the ballot as an independent because the requirements are exceedingly not achievable. But most candidates would prefer to run along their own party.

party lines. Libertarian party of Tennessee hopes to win the lawsuit in order to make themselves and others more equal when it comes to competing with the major parties. James C.

Linger asserts that, quote, it's hard to justify, to justify rather laws, that give voters less information about candidates. If the party is successful and leveling the playing field, well, Tennessee voters may gain a better understanding. in the choices. I hope so.

Tennessee Democrats push back on educational policy study. It basically says you can dump as much money into these failed government schools as you want to,

but it doesn't seem to make any practical difference. Something we've known for a long time. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear and a little bit of gray matter, they already get this,

but the Dems are all slow to come around primarily because they don't want to. They don't want the benefit of the taxpayer, the parent, or the student. They want the benefit of the broken indoctrination center that is a government job factory.

Opponents of Governor Lee's school voucher plans at ESAs will undercut public education funding in the state, and in my opinion as well it should. If a function of government is not performing we don't need to to keep the funding the same.

We need to reduce it because it's non-functioning and we need to give people that are trapped in that system a way out. School choice advocates say the ESA program is funded separately from public education and public education funding isn't set to decrease so public schools won't be receiving less funding.

I think they should. Corey D'Angelo's PhD wrote a policy paper along with the Political Economy Research Institute at Middle Tennessee State University stating no connection has been shown between increased public school spending and school performance.

I can't believe they've let Cory keep his job. Cory DeAngelis, close circuit transmission, contact me if somebody knows Cory. This is amazing that somebody has the guts, the guts, the academic guts, the old school let's actually look at the data guts to publish something like this. This can't be good for your academic career.

It takes a lot of courage. Cory, I'd love to talk to you. D'Angelo wrote, quote, "The scientific evidence suggests that increasing access to public charter schools and private school programs will provide substantial economic benefits associated with improvements in an educational achievement and attainment." For example,

doubling the number of students in public charter schools in the state. state is expected to produce an additional \$1.2 billion in economic benefits associated with higher lifetime earnings. However, Tennessee State Senator Jeff Yarborough, a Democrat from Nashville who is against any parents or any kids having any choices in their education except for the failed government school they're zoned for, especially in the poor areas and the minority areas,

we've got to keep those people good and trapped and stupid. stupid. Okay. If they're going to keep voting Democrat, believes the policy paper is suspect and just an advocacy piece for school choice and has pushed that narrative on social media, least full ESA plan is yet to be released. So many of the details remain unknown. There are a lot of conservatives that have issues with the voucher program. One big issue that people worry about,

there's really two big ones. The first one that people worry about is is that the government will corrupt the few educational alternatives that we actually have in the state, which are primarily private school and homeschool.

Government corrupts just about everything it touches. Look at the public education system. It sucks so bad even the government's trying to reform it. That's how bad it sucks. That's pretty bad. That rarely happens.

The second thing that people are worried about is that it will fund illegal immigration, as I mentioned previously. We're already... spending because of Republican leadership's killing of a bill. They killed a bill that would have stopped the taxpayer funding of illegal immigration in Tennessee.

Jason, if you put it in the show notes down here, maybe flash their names on the screen, just take the screenshot of the Rhino report, show the faces. I can't remember the name, show the faces of the elected officials right here that actually were against supporting efforts to stop the funding of illegal immigrant education at taxpayer expense in Tennessee.

You can see it right here on the screen. It's amazing, isn't it, that these Republicans support that, but they do, but they do. But the ESA voucher program, according to my friend Gary Humble,

who I often trust and lean on for advice to dig into these legislative items. These ESA vouchers. must be used, at least from my understanding, for illegal immigrants.

Now, if I had my way, close circuit transmission to Bill Lee, as if he would listen to me, maybe Cameron Sexton, maybe Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally at Three Rhinos,

you know, might as well put him in a zoo. They are already, you know, funding have a billion dollars plus in illegal immigration education Why we would want to add more to that?

I don't know But I'd like to see no strings attached tax rebates if you've got a kid in public school You don't get one But if you take your kid out of public school and a few Brandon Lewis who have paid in to the tax system for 20 plus years business tax tax,

my home tax, my commercial building tax, my sales tax, all the taxes. But you can't participate in the educational system. About 50 % of your tax dollars go to it, right? The broken, failed education system can't even teach kids to read and write at grade level. It's only about 33%. You should just give people their money back.

Tell you listen. here's seven grand to offset the taxes that you've paid. We're sorry. You can't screw it up any worse than we are. Go do the best you think for your kids.

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Box 625, Signal Mountain Tennessee 37377. That's P.O. Box 625, Signal Mountain Tennessee 37377. Let's move on to the stories. Metro National Board votes to shut down one of its highest performing elementary schools.

Does not surprise me. Is there someone achieving learning to read here? Let's shut that stuff down. "Last Tuesday the Metro National Public School Board voted eight to one in favor of shutting down one of their highest performing elementary schools,

Rocket Ship National Northeast Elementary School. This is despite the fact that the district's own charter school review team recommended that the board members grant Rocket Ship's request for a charter agreement.

Board members in favor of shutting the school down compared Rocket Ship and other schools located in wealthier parts of the national area saying that rocket ship is not proving itself to do a better job than the district's public schools.

Erin O'Hara Block is the only member who voted against shutting the school down, partially attributing her decision to having visited the school personally. Block said, quote, "I saw high quality instruction going on in the classrooms. According to the most recent academic performance data in Tennessee,

rocket ship outperformed every other elementary school in its area." in math and English. Only one other elementary school scored higher proficiency rates in science.

Let me read that again. Democrats. What did they do? According to the most recent academic performance data in Tennessee, Rocket ship outperformed every other elementary school in its area in math and English.

This is pure evil. How do you do that? this? Rocket ship is also scored in the highest or second highest category for student growth every year.

Since it opened, of course, people are fleeing these academic hellscape that we call public education. Yet the Metro School Board decided not to renew the school's 10 year charter agreement to continue operating.

You know how disruptive it is to the lives of people who put their heart and soul into a specific school that's actually performing and the connections that happen, the memories that are made. Here we got something good going. Got to destroy it. Under state law, Rocket Ship can still make an appeal to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. Rocket Ship executive director Will Hill said quote,

"This reckless decision will not have any immediate impact on our school. We have a strong case for a successful appeal." And I hope he does. Close circuit transmission. Will Hill contact me.

I'd love to do an interview with you. Maybe we're too controversial over here for you to reach out, but if not, we'll be here. Guys, I gotta move along. I gotta go pick up the kid from school. Last story,

Chattanooga Trucking Company finds \$700,000 for green card checks. Chattanooga's Covenant Transport and Transport Management Services. They're the company that you see often on the road.

back of their trucks because it's a faith-based organization and they have Christian values which we know are evil that support a pro-life view. Why wouldn't they not be targeted for having the gall to say that little baby's lives matter and to put that on the back of their 18 wheelers?

Have been fined \$700,000 and if anybody from Covenant wants to talk to me, I'll talk to you as well. By the U.S. Department of Justice for quote "discrimination." against immigrants by asking for green cards." Between January 2020 and August 2022, the companies were found to have routinely asked non-U.S. citizens to show their permanent resident cards and non-U.S. residents to show immigration documents. Federal law allows the workers to choose which valid identification to use, regardless of citizenship status, immigration status, or national origin. The law also prevents employers from requiring specific around this service. documents because of a workers citizenship status,

immigration status, or national origin. And this is to get more people from other countries that don't share our values to come in here and take jobs and to do it cheaper so that corporations can skirt the laws.

That's what this is all about. The employees can choose from a state ID, driver's license, or unrestricted social security card,

assistant attorney general, Kristen Clark of the Justice Department, Civil Rights Division said, quote, "Employers cannot discriminate against non-U.S. citizens by demanding specific or unnecessary documents for them to prove the permission to work.

Our government has no interest in stopping rampant illegal immigration at the state or the local level or the federal level. They have every reason to want to promote more of it because that's where the money comes from.

Former congressional candidate and political commentator, Robbie Starbuck, however, questioned the DOJ's decision and pointed out that former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson is a board member at Covenant, did not know that. Starbuck questioned whether the "attack" was politically motivated. Of course it is, Robbie. Of course it is. Starbuck wrote, quote, quote, "I found another thing interesting as an angle to the story.

You know who's on the board of directors for Covenant? It's Ben Carson. Yes, Ben Carson. He's been seriously considered by Trump as a possible VP contender. The settlement agreement stated Covenant disregarded with the allegations made by the DOJ." Those are all the stories,

guys. We have a hard time filling that good news section at the end, Jason. Jason. We need to work on that. I guess our, actually our elected officials and leaders need to work on that. Guys,

I got to leave here. What am I doing this weekend? I know you're excited. You really want to know tonight I've got my buddy Dan and Eunice are getting engaged. So I'm going to go see Dan and Eunice.

We're going to dress up in our finest, it is cocktail. It is cocktail attire at their home. A beautiful young couple. I've watched grow gone on camping trips with Dan's a great entrepreneur as is his bride -to -be Eunice.

So I'm excited to go hang out with them Saturday, what are we doing Saturday Saturday? We're having a Christmas party Over here at the Casa de Luis years ago. I used to pack about a hundred people Into my little tiny Brainerd home People will be out in the office yard to be all over the place,

elbow to elbow. And as I have gotten older, I've ran out of energy to have that many folks over. So we're making it more of an intimate affair with our old friends.

And so I'm excited to celebrate the Christmas season with those folks. And I got a pile of work. This is my busy season and my regular job. Getting in here.

and and doing things for the Tennessee conservative is very difficult for me this time of year However, it's essential that the work keep going You know just because it's inconvenient just cause it cost me some money Doesn't mean as a conservative Christian I get a pass and neither do you so please do help our annual campaign if you've never given before Now's the time to give I hope I hope the Lord puts something on

your conscience conscience to live out your faith politically because it was done in the Bible over and over again in culture and in politics. Christians lived out their faith.

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Signal Mountain Tennessee 373 77. I love you guys. I mean it. I will see you next week for the TenCon Big 7. Whoo. It's a little hot over here. I got to get out of here.

Go pick up the kiddos. Take care. Have a fantastic weekend and Merry Christmas. See you later.